(c) the number of rooms proposed to be constructed; and

(d) the action, if any taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) A proposal for Central financial assistance of Rs. 50.00 lakhs for Construction of Jungle Lodges Tourism Resort at Hampi was received from the Government of Karnataka during 1998-99. After obtaining necessary clarifications Central Financial assistance of Rs. 49.00 lakhs was sanctioned and Rs. 14.70 lakhs was released as first instalment during 1999-2000.

This project includes construction of 8 rooms, a restaurant and a conference hall.

Impact of promotion of hedonistic tourism

†*613. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to promotion of hedonistic tourism, the environment of various tourist spots in the country has been damaged and it has given rise to immoral misconduct; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent this tendency?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tourism in consultation with State/UT Administrations promotes tourism to ensure hassle-free stay of tourists in the country, with due regard to conservation of culture, heritage and environment. Hedonistic tourism docs not figure in the list of facilities created for tourists, nor is it promoted.

Import duty on crude oil

*614. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present rate of cess per tonne on crude oil produced in the country;

(b) the present import duty on imported crude oil;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.